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## LEGAL OPINION.

### *With Reference to Payment of Organizer.*

Yazoo City, Miss., Aug. 16, 1927.—T. J. Huddleston, City. Dear Sir: You advise me that you, as Custodian of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters, have with the consent and approval of the Executive Board paid to Albert Banks, your President, around thirteen hundred and forty-four dollars during the past thirteen months for services rendered by him in organizing new lodges and increasing membership in your order. You further advise me that for some months the services of Albert Banks have not been remunerative, and that a continuation of this practice is detrimental to the financial interests of your Order.

You ask me if there will be any legal liability upon the Order should you discontinue paying said Banks.

In answering your inquiry we must look to the constitution and by-laws of your order. When this is done you will not find any provision therein that authorizes the payment of any sum to the President of your organization. The position is Honorary.

The salary that has been paid to Albert Banks was not because he happened to be President, but because he was acting in the capacity of an employee, whose services are paid for just as any other employee. You have the same right to discontinue paying him as you have any other employee, and if in the opinion of you and your executive committee you feel that the services rendered by Banks are not commensurate with the amount you are paying him, in my opinion you are not only authorized but it is your duty to the Order you represent to cease paying him and employ some other organizer who can get proper results. His employment has nothing to do with his office as President. He is elected President of the Order as a whole through its membership. His term of office as

President continues until he is re-elected at the proper time in the proper way. His employment is entirely distinct from his duties as President, and may be terminated at any time.

As stated above, the organization has no authority to pay the President any salary as such. What has been paid to him was for services not required of him as President, and such pay may be discontinued at any time. So far as receiving pay, he occupies the same position as any other organizer. He cannot charge or receive any compensation merely because he happens to be President.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Yours very truly,

T. H. CAMPBELL, Attorney.

## BIG RALLY FOR FINANCIAL SECRETARIES.

### *\$250.00 In Gold Will Be Given Away.*

Each Financial Secretary can win a prize. Any Financial Secretary who writes 10 members, ages ranging from 40 years down, carrying \$500 policies in time to pay November assessment, will receive \$2.50 in gold. Must send 50c with each application. Members so written must pay November assessment. The Financial Secretary who leads all others in the race by the first of December will receive \$10.00 in gold. All who expect to take part in this contest must send their names and addresses to this office right away.

This test is to determine my best Financial Secretaries who love the order, and are willing to help build it up.

Remember that if you do not send in your name, you are not in the race.